

What is claimed is:

[Claim 1] A module for dispensing a treat to a chewing animal comprising a hollow treat holder having

(A) at least one aperture through which a treat can be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal; and

(B) at least one end that can be removably attached to an end of another of said modules.

[Claim 2] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said aperture is star shaped.

[Claim 3] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said treat holder has two of said apertures.

[Claim 4] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said end is circular in cross-section.

[Claim 5] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said treat holder has two ends.

[Claim 6] A module according to Claim 5 wherein one of said two ends is a male end and the other of said two ends is a female end and said male end locks into said female end.

[Claim 7] A module according to Claim 1 wherein a treat may be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal through said at least one end.

[Claim 8] A module according to Claim 7 including a recessed treat barrier at each end.

[Claim 9] A module according to Claim 8 wherein said recessed treat barrier has inwardly-extending prongs.

[Claim 10] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said hollow treat holder has a shape selected from the group consisting of straight, triangular, U-shaped, spheroidal, cubic, and L-shaped.

[Claim 11] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said hollow treat holder is made of a rubbery material.

[Claim 12] A module according to Claim 1 including a dog biscuit inside said hollow treat holder.

[Claim 13] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one end is circular and about 1 to about 5 inches in diameter.

[Claim 14] A treat-dispensing toy for pets comprising a multiplicity of modules according to Claim 1 removably attached to each other.

[Claim 15] A method of entertaining and feeding a chewing animal comprising inserting a treat into a module according to Claim 1 and permitting said chewing animal to chew on said module.

[Claim 16] A module for dispensing a treat to a chewing animal comprising

(A) a hollow treat holder having at least one aperture through which a treat may be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal; and

(B) two end pieces fixed to said hollow treat holder, where said end pieces can be removably attached to an end piece of another of said modules and through which a treat can be inserted into said hollow treat holder by a person and can be removed from said hollow treat holder by a chewing animal.

[Claim 17] A module according to Claim 16 wherein a barrier is in between said end pieces and said hollow treat holder.

[Claim 18] A treat-dispensing toy for pets comprising a multiplicity of modules according to Claim 16 removeably attached to each other.

[Claim 19] A module for dispensing a treat to a chewing animal comprising

(A) a rubbery hollow treat holder having two star-shaped apertures through which a treat may be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal; and

(B) a male end piece and a female end piece fixed to said hollow treat holder, where said male end piece can be removably attached to the female end piece of another of said modules; and

(C) a treat barrier having inwardly-directed prongs in between each end piece and said hollow treat holder, whereby a treat can be inserted into said hollow treat holder by a person or can be removed from said hollow treat holder by a chewing animal through said aperture or through either of said end pieces.

[Claim 20] A treat-dispensing toy for pets comprising a multiplicity of modules according to Claim 19 removably attached to each other.